

Senate Resolution 1395

By: Senator Douglas of the 17th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Henry W. Grady High School Class of 1956; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Henry W. Grady High School Class of 1956 will hold its 50th graduation
3 anniversary reunion this year; and

4 WHEREAS, when Henry W. Grady High School opened in 1924, it was one of two high
5 schools in Atlanta, Georgia, and since that time it has been named a Georgia School of
6 Excellence, one of "America's Best Schools" by *Redbook*, and the Best of Atlanta by *Atlanta*
7 *Magazine*; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1947, the complexion of the school changed and it became a co-educational,
9 neighborhood school named for Henry W. Grady, a well-known orator and writer who was
10 editor of *The Atlanta Constitution*; and

11 WHEREAS, in the cafeteria is a mural depicting the merger of Girls High and Boys High in
12 an idyllic panorama of boys and girls mingling in Piedmont Park reflecting the new Henry
13 W. Grady High School emerged from a faculty drawn from both Boys and Girls High, which
14 serves as a reminder of the excitement and spirit of creativity that was felt in the 1950's when
15 Atlanta Public Schools were first made co-educational; and

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17 WHEREAS, the members of the distinguished class of 1956 have gone on to great success,
18 and their many and varied accomplishments are worthy of great tribute; and

19 WHEREAS, the numerous fine teachers at the Henry W. Grady High School who contributed
20 to the achievements of the members of the Class of 1956 are fondly remembered by their
21 appreciative former pupils; and

1 WHEREAS, the Henry W. Grady High School Class of 1956 also affectionately remembers
2 and deeply misses those classmates who have passed from this life during the 50 years since
3 graduation; and

4 WHEREAS, the Henry W. Grady High School Class of 1956 epitomizes the qualities of
5 excellence that have made their venerable alma mater one of Georgia's finest institutions of
6 learning.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
8 commend and congratulate the members of the Henry W. Grady High School Class of 1956
9 on the occasion of their 50th graduation anniversary reunion for their outstanding
10 achievements and great contributions to the welfare of this state and nation.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Henry W. Grady High School Class
13 of 1956.